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Anthracite Forest Tegion is a convenient name for 15 counties, shown on the map on the back of this publication, which contain or surround the hard-coal deposits of Pennsylvania. The forests of this region are now badly depleted. But preliminary actimate indicate that under good management they might, in time, furnish most of the forest products and services the region requires.

The Economic Survey of this region aims to determine:

- (1) what measures, and how much labor, are needed to rebuild the forests;
- (2) how much labor might be employed in permanent industries based on the restored forest.

Full answers to these questions will be of utmost value both now and in the period of readjustment following the War.

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Tree volume tables are almost indispensable in obtaining reliable estimates of the amount of standing timber on a tract prior to its sale, purchase, or management. A number of such tables previously published will give accurate results if used properly, but their use in the Anthracite Region of Pennsylvania has been limited, largely because they are difficult to apply. These difficulties arise partly from the fact that the tables are based on total height or height to a fixed top diameter, and give volume of that portion of the tree trunk below a fixed top diameter. All of this portion may not be merchantable because of large branches in the top, especially in hardwoods, and serious errors in estimating merchantable volume may result from the use of these tables. The tables also assume that trees within a species or group of species have similar taper. Their authors recognize that this may not be the case, and expect adjustments to be made by comparing the tabular volumes with those of trees which have been felled or climbed on the area being cruised. Such adjustments are always expensive and time-consuming, and require a considerable amount of office work before the tables are ready for use.

The tables presented in this paper were designed to overcome these difficulties. There are only six for board feet, in three common log rules, and three for cubic feet. They give the volumes for any commercial species in this region.

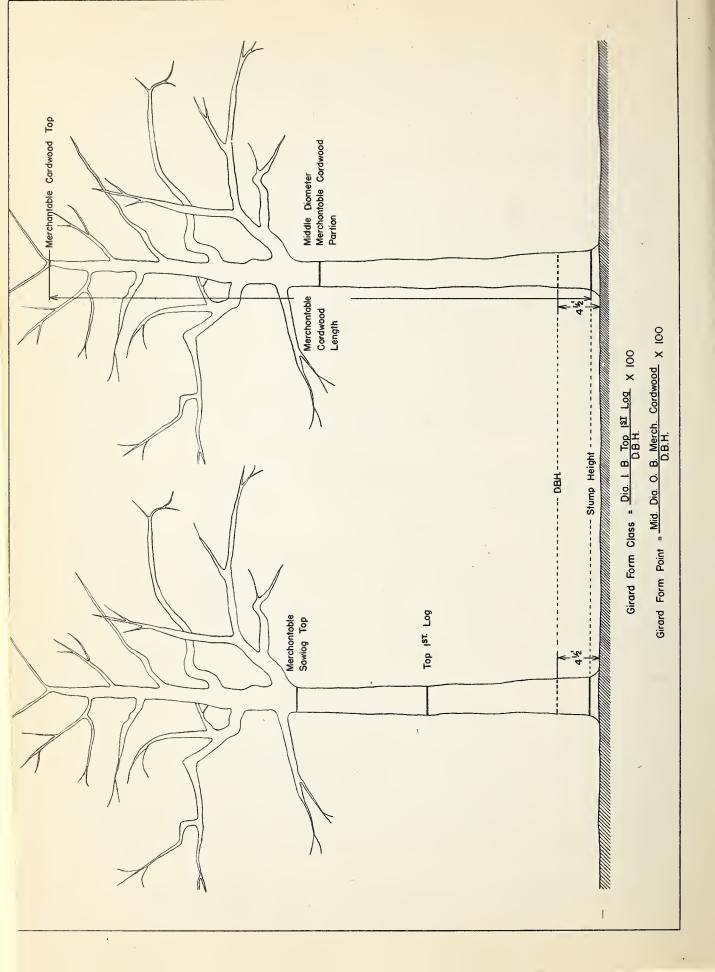
Height measurements are restricted to the merchantable portion of the tree. The adjustments necessary to use the tables anywhere in this region can be made by simple ocular estimates of tree taper, instead of precise tree measurements. Although the board foot volume tables were made specifically for use in the Anthracite Forest Region, limited checks on timber elsewhere, and comparisons with volume tables acceptable for many species throughout the eastern United States, indicate that these tables may be suitable for a much wider range of species and regions.

BOARD FOOT VOLUME TABLES

The board foot volume tables are based on diameter breast high, merchantable height in 16 foot logs, and an index of tree taper known as the Girard Form Class.1/ The Girard Form Class is the ratio of the

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diameter inside bark at the top of the first log to the diameter breast high, outside bark, expressed as a percentage. For example, a tree having a d.b.h. of 20.0 inches. and measuring 16.0 inches inside the bark at the top of the first log, has a form class of 80. The relationship is illustrated on the opposite page. It should not be confused with the classic "form class" or "form quotient", which is the percentage relationship between d.b.h. and the diameter outside bark at a point half way between breast height and the tip of the tree. Since it defines the scaling diameter of the first log in a tree, the Girard Form Class is a true index of the volume of one-log trees. In trees containing more than one log, the only variable unaccounted for is the rate of taper in the upper log or logs. The Economic Survey determined, from measurements on many trees in the Anthracite Region, that upper log taper could be divided for all practical purposes into three groupings:

- 1. Low. Includes all hardwoods regardless of species
- 2. Medium. Includes old-growth hemlock and white pine
- 3. High. Includes second-growth white pine, hemlock, pitch pine, and possibly spruce

These tapers, shown for the low and medium groupings on page 11, control the scaling diameters of upper logs entering into board foot volume in the tables. Tapers in individual trees will seldom correspond exactly to the average values given, but the deviation of average tree volumes based on these tapers is usually not excessive even in a small number of trees. Diameter inside bark at top of first log in trees of various diameters and form classes are given on page 10.

Application of Board Foot Volume Tables

If considered over a wide geographical range, Girard Form Class tends to be relatively constant for a species. However, because it is sensitive to all factors which influence butt-swell, local differences in form class may be very appreciable. In using these tables, therefore, it is first necessary to determine the average form class of each species, by d.b.h. classes, in the woods being cruised. The number of trees which need to be measured for form class depends upon the variation among trees. Ordinarily, about 100 trees of each species, well distributed as to d.b.h. class and location in the woods, are sufficient. Smoothing the form class values by plotting them over D.B.H. may be necessary.

Once form class is determined, the volume in average trees of any diameter and merchantable height can be obtained from the form class tables on pages 16 to 21. Although these tables are furnished only for Form Classes 78 and 85, values for trees of any form class between 74 and 89 can be obtained by means of the chart appearing with each set of board foot volume tables. The simple instructions needed to use this chart are given on page 15.

Volume tables so constructed are "custom made", and should be discarded after the trees are cut, because there is no assurance that the remaining trees, or the trees which will grow up later, will have the same form class averages as the trees in the original stand.

If merchantable height is estimated at the same time as form class, it is easy, by plotting tree volumes as calculated from the tables over d.b.h. and smoothing with a curve, to make up a table based on diameter alone.

Ocular Estimates of Girard Form Class

Average form class may be obtained from measurements on felled or climbed trees. However, it is more practicable to obtain it ocularly from standing trees, because:

- (a) The choice of sample trees is not restricted to those which can be climbed or cut, and a very representative selection can therefore be obtained without difficulty.
- (b) Sample tree data can be collected very rapidly. With practice, form class can be estimated as easily as diameter. A cruiser with a "good eye" for form class, diameter, and merchantable height, can by this method prepare volume tables for sawtimber tracts in a few hours, including office work.

The ability to estimate form class can be acquired very easily. Although first attempts may be disappointing, a very good start can be made with only a few hours practice. The following training procedure is suggested:

- 1. Stand well away from the tree in such a position that the trunk is clearly visible from d.b.h. to the top of the first 16-foot log.
- 2. Study the relationship between the top d.i.b. of the first log and the d.b.h. Do not try to derive form class from ocular estimates of the actual diameters at these points.
- 3. Estimate the percentage relationship (form class) and record it.
- 4. Check the estimate by measuring the form class percentage as follows:
 - (a) Using a caliper, measure and record to the nearest tenth of an inch the d.b.h. visible from the point where the ocular estimate of form class was made.
 - (b) Similarly, measure and record the diameter outside bark at the top of the first log. A light ladder or tree climbers can be used to get up the tree.

- (c) Obtain double bark thickness to the nearest 0.05 inches at the top of the first log, using a Swedish bark gauge, or chipping the bark with a hand axe and measuring with a scale. Subtract the double bark thickness from d.o.b.
- (d) Pivide the d.i.b. at the top of the first log by d.b.h. The quotient is the Girard Form Class of the tree as it appeared from the point where the ocular estimate was made.
- 5. Record the measured form class and compare it with the estimated form class.
- 6. Repeat the experiment on a number of trees. Because errors made on individual trees will soon be found to compensate, it is unnecessary to estimate form class of individual trees exactly.

Trees with elliptical cross-sections may of course have a different form class depending on which side of the tree one looks at. In actual practice, it is unnecessary to average the form class from two points of view because single measurements on a number of trees will be compensating.

A knowledge of bark thickness is of course indispensable in ocular form class determinations. Although this is best obtained through experience, the average values on page 9 will be found helpful. These measurements indicate the average double bark thickness of logs of various diameters without regard to the position of the log in the tree; they should not be used for bark thickness at breast high.

Species Form Class Averages

As previously mentioned, form class tends to be relatively constant within a species for large areas. When a high degree of accuracy is not essential, tables for the more important commercial species can be derived from the basic tables in this report by using these regional averages:

Form Class	Upper Log Taper Grouping	Species
84	Low	Beech '
82 81	Low	Black Cherry
	Low	Basswood, Ash, Old-growth Oaks and Yellowpoplar
81	Medium	Old-growth White Pine and Hemlock
79	Low	Second-growth Yellowpoplar
79	High	Second-growth White Pine
78	Low	Second-growth Oaks, Maple, and Birch
78	High	Spruce .
76,	High	Second-growth Hemlock

Merchantable Height Estimates

Estimates of merchantable height should be made carefully. In the board foot tables, the upper diameter is in no case less than 8 inches for hardwoods, or less than 6 inches in conifers, irrespective of local utilization practices, and go to a variable top diameter depending upon the upper limit of actual merchantability, which generally is the point at which the tree divides into large branches. This must be understood thoroughly or the volume tables will not be accurate. Especially with small conifers there is a tendency to consider merchantable height as extending to a point too high in the tree, because of the relatively small branches. When this is done there is extreme danger that the volume table will over-scale the tree. For example, an average 20-inch old growth White Pine with a form class of 78, and 32 sixteen foot logs, has a top diameter of about 10.0 inches, and a Scribner gross scale of 370 board feet. Above this point the stem tapers sharply because of branches, but by lopping the branches, 4 sixteen foot logs to a top diameter of about 7.8 inches may be cut. If the tree is scaled in sixteen foot logs (as are all trees in these tables), the sum of the scale for 32 sixteen foot logs is as great as for 4 logs, because a 10.0-inch top log 8 feet long scales the same as a 7.8-inch log 16 feet long. The volume table, however, shows that 4-log trees of this diameter and form class have 395 board feet, Scribner. The volume table would, therefore, overscale this tree by 25 board feet if it were estimated as 4 logs.

If a tree is scaled properly, the volume of the top log is by no means negligible. Percentage of tree volume in top 16-foot logs of trees of Form Class 78, scaled by the Scribner Decimal C Rule (curved from formula), are as follows:

	2 Log	Trees	-	3 Log	Trees	4 Log	Tr	rees
	Low	Medium		Low Upper	Medium Upper	Low Upper		ledium Ipper
D.B.H.	Upper Taper	Upper Taper		Taper	Taper	Taper	_T	aper
	Percent	Percent		Percent	Percent	Percent	F	ercent
10		35		·				
12	37	35			13			
14	39	38		18	17			
16	40	3 9		20	18	9		7
18	42	40		21	19	10		- 8
20	42	40		22	20	11		9
22	43	40		23	21	12		10
24	43	41		23	21	13		11
26	43	41		23	21	13		11
28	43	41		24	22	14		11
30	44	41		24	22	14		12

Field Check of Board Foot Volume Tables

The board foot volume tables were tested on logging jobs scattered over the Anthracite Region. The following table shows how the total measured scale, by species but without regard to size of tree, compared with the volume table estimate:

ALL TREE SIZES

Species	Trees Measured	Gross V Int. 1/ Measured		Deviation from measured scale
	Number	Bd. Ft.	Bd. Ft.	Percent
White pine	77	16,820	15,774	-6.2
Hemlock, Pitch pine	249	42,636	44,768	5.0
Oaks	61	10,467	10,618	1.4
Maples	118	45,070	44,846	-0.5
Beech	97	23,873	23,908	0.1
Birches	59	17,251	17,503	1.5
Ash, Cherry, Gum, yel	-			
lowpoplar, basswood	84	14,587	14,954	2.5
Totals	745	170,704	172,371	1.0

By size of tree, the comparison is as shown on page 8.

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	. 91	16 ft. to 28 ft.	4.4	Merch	30 ft to // ft	ight f+	1.6	+3 17 0+ +3 41	+4			
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ח, ת,	Number		Table Bd Ft	Trees	Measured	Table Ra Fa	Trees	Measured		Trees	Measured	Table
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9.0 to 12.9	132	6,300	6,539	89	9,166	8,871	80	1,093	626	229	16,559	16,389
13.0 to 16.9	39	4,396	4,399	154	24,504	25,406	57	13,289	13,221	250	42,189	43,026
17.0 to 20.9	10	2,662	2,380	50	16,447	16,732	87	32,204	32,894	144	51,313	52,006
21.0 to 24.9	m	419	360	7717	18,635	18,395	7777	17,936	18,850	91	36,990	37,605
25.0 to 28.9				11	8,184	8,140	12	01.2.6	9,510	23	17,954	17,650
29.0 to 32.9				4	2,182	2,110	ω	2,433	2,550	2	4,615	7,660
33.0 to 34.9							П	1,084	1,035	Н	1,084	1,035
Totals	184	184 13,777 13,678	13,678	352	79,118	79,654	209	77,809	79,039	745	170,704	172,371

AVERAGE DOUBLE BARK THICKNESS OF LOGS PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE REGION

D.I.B.	White Pine	Hemlock	Hickory, Red, Black & White Oaks	Chest- nut Oak	Maple and Birch	Ash. Basswood, Yellowpoplar, Black Cherry	Beech
5	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
6	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.2
7	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.2
8	0.5	0.7	0.7	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.3
9	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.3
10	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.4
11	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.4
12	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.4
13	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.7	0.9	0.4
14	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.6	0.8	0.9	0.5
15	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.5
16	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.7	0.8	1.0	0.5
17	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.0	0.6
18	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.1	0.6
19	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.0	1.1	0.6
20	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.0	1.2	0.7

TOP DIAMETER OF FIRST LOG,* BY TREE DIAMETER AND FORM CLASS

				F	orm Cl	ass						
D.B.H.	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
\underline{In} .	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	\underline{In} .	In.	In.	In.	In.
12	8.0	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.4
14	9.4	9.5	9.7	9.8	9.9	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.8	10.9
16	10.7	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.5	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.2	12.3	12.5
18	12.1	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.5	13.7	13.9	14.0
20	13.4	13.6	13.8	14.0	14.2	14.4	14.6	14.8	15.0	15.2	15.4	15.6
22	14.7	15.0	15.2	15.4	15.6	15.8	16.1	16.3	16.5	16.7	16.9	17.2
24	16.1	16.3	16.6	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.5	17.8	18.0	18.2	18.5	18.7
26	17.4	17.7	17.9	18.2	18.5	18.7	19.0	19.2	19.5	19.8	20.0	20.3
28	18.8	19.0	19.3	19.6	19.9	20.2	20.4	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.8
30	20.1	20.4	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5	22.8	23.1	23.4

Form Class (Continued)

D.B.H.	7 9	80	81	82	83-	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
12	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.6	10.7	10.8
14	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.2	12.3	12.5	12.6
16	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.1	13.3	13.4	13.6	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.2	14.4
18	14.2	14.4	14.6	14.8	14.9	15.1	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.8	`16.0	16.2
20	15.8	16.0	16.2	16.4	16.6	16.8	17.0	17.2	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.0
22	17.4	17.6	17.8	18.0	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.9	19.1	19.4	19.6	19.8
24	19.0	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.9	20.2	20.4	20.6	20.9	21.1	21.4	21.6
26	20.5	20.8	21.1	21.3	21.6	21.8	22.1	22.4	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.4
28	22.1	22.4	22.7	23.0	23.2	23.5	23.8	24.1	24.4	24.6	24.9	25.2
30	23.7	24.0	24.3	24.6	24.9	25.2	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0

^{*} All logs are 16.3 feet long

UPPER-LOG* TAPERS TO LIMIT OF AVERAGE SAWTIMBER MERCHANTABILITY

Low and Medium Tapers

	2-Log Trees	3-Log	Trees	4-L	og Tree	S		
	Second	Second	Third	Second	Third	Fourth		
D.B.H.	log	log	log	log	log	log		
In.	<u>In</u> .	In.	<u>ln</u> .	In.	In.	In.		
•	Low	Upper-Log T	aper (Ha	rdwoods)				
12	1.6							
14	1.7	1.4	1.9					
16	1.9	1.5	2.1	1.2	1.9	2.3		
18	2.0	1.6	2.2	1.3	2.0	2.5		
20	2.1	1.7	2.3	1.4	2.2	2.6		
22	2.2	1.8	2.5	1.5	2.4	2.7		
24	2.3	1.8	2.7	1.5	2.6	2.8		
26	2.4	1.9	2.9	1.6	2.8	3.0		
28	2.5	1.9	3.1	1.7	2.8	3.2		
30	2.6	2.0	3.3	1.8	3.0	3.4		

Medium Upper-Log Taper (Old-growth White Pine and Hemlock)

In.	In.	\underline{In} .	In.	In.	$\underline{\underline{1n}}$.	\underline{In} .
10	1.5					
12	1.7	1.4	. 2.0			
14	1.9	1.6	2.1			
16	2.1	1.7	2.3	1.4	1.9	2.7
18	2.3	1.9	2.4	1.5	2.1	2.9
20 -	2.5	2.0	2.7	1.7	2.3	3.0
22	2.7	2.2	2.9	1.8	2.6	3.2
24	2.9	2.4	3.0	1.9	2.8	3.4
26	3.1	2.6	3.2	2.0	3.0	3.7
28	3.3	2.7	3.3	2.1	3.2	3.8
30	3.5	2.9	3.5	2.2	3.5	4.0

^{*} All logs are 16.3 feet long

Basic data from James W. Girard, 1940. Mesavage, 1942.

SCALE IN BOARD FEET OF 16-FOOT LOGS 1/

International 4-inch Rule

Computed from Formula $V = 0.796D^2 - 1.375D - 1.230$

		Тор	diamet	er of]	log, ins	ide bot	th barks			
		Т	e n	t h	s o	f	Ιn	c h e	s	
Inches	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
6	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27
7	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	38
8	39	40	41	42	43	45	46	47	48	50
9	51	52	53	55	56	58	59	60	62	63
10	65	66	68	69	71	72	74	75	77	78
11	80	82	83	85	87	88	-)0	92	93	95
12	97	99	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	113
13	115	117	119	121	123	125	127	129	131	133
14	136	138	140	142	144	146	148	151	153	155
15	157	160	162	164	166	169	171	173	176	178
`16	181	183	185	188	190	193	195	198	200	203
17	205	208	211	213	216	218	221	224	226	229
18	232	235	237	240	243	246	249	251	254	257
19	260	263	266	269	272	275	278	281	284	287
20	290	293	296	299	302	305	308	311	315	318
21	321	324	327	331	334	337	340	344	347	350
22	354	357	361	364	367	371	374	378	381	385
23	388	392	395	399	402	406	410	413	417	421
24	424	428	432	435	439	443	447	450	454	458
25	462	466	470	473	477	481	485	489	493	497
26	501	505	509	513	517	521	525	530	534	538
27	542	546	550	554	559	563	567	571	576	580
28	584	589	593	597	602	606	611	615	619	624
29	628	633	637	642	646	651	655	660	665	669
30	674	679	683	688	693	697	702	707	712	716

^{1/} Compiled by E. T. Hawes, Region 8, U. S. Forest Service

This table to be used for purposes of volume table construction only.

V = volume in board feet

D = diameter of log at small end, inside bark, in inches

SCALE IN BOARD FEET OF 16-FOOT LOGS 1/

Scribner Decimal C Rule Computed from Formula, curved and read to nearest board foot

Formula $V = 0.79D^2 - (2D + 4)$

			Top di	iameter	of log	, inside	e both	barks		
Inches	0.0 Bd.ft.	0.1 Bd.ft.	T e 0.2 Bd.ft.	n t 0.3 Bd.ft.	h s O.4 Bd.ft.	o f 0.5 Bd.ft.	0.6 Bd.ft.	n c 0.7 Bd.ft.	h e s 0.8 Bd.ft.	0.9 Bd.ft.
6	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18	19	20
7	21	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	30
8	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	40	41
9	42	43	44	46	47	48	50	51	52	54
10	55	56	58	59	61	62	64	65	67	68
11	70	71	73	74	76	77	79	81	82	84
12	86	87	89	91	93	94	96	98	100	102
13	104	105	107	109	111	113	115	117	119	121
14	123	125	127	129	131	133	135	137	139	142
15	144	146	148	150	153	155	157	159	162	164
16	166	169	171	173	176	178	180	183	185	188
17	190	193	195	198	200	203	206	208	211	213
18	216	219	221	224	227	229	232	235	238	240
19	243	246	249	252	255	257	260	263	266	269
20	272	275	278	281	284	287	290	293	296	299
21	302	306	309	312	315	318	321	325	328	331
22	334	338	341	344	348	351	354	358	361	364
23	368	371	375	378	382	385	389	392	396	399
24	403	407	410	414	418	421	425	429	432	436
25	440	444	447	451	455	459	463	466	470	474
26	478	482	486	490	494	498	502	506	510	514
27	518	522	526	530	534	538	543	547	551	555
28	559	564	568	572	576	581	585	589	594	598
29	602	607	611	616	620	624	629	633	638	642
30	647	652	656	661	665	670	675	679	684	688

^{1/} From "Timber Cruising" - James W. Girard and Suren R. Gevorkiantz

This table to be used for purposes of volume table construction only.

V = volume in board feet

D = diameter of log at small end, inside bark, in inches

SCALE IN BOARD FEET OF 16-FOOT LOGS 1/

Doyle Rule

Computed from Formula $V = \frac{(D-4)^2 \times L}{16}$

			Top d	iameter	of log	, insid	e both	barks		
		Т	e n t	h s	0	f I	n c	h e	s	
Inches	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.	Bd.ft.
6	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8
7	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	14	14	1.5
8	16	17	18	18	19	2)	21	22	23	24
9	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	34	35
10	36	37	38	40	41	42	2,2,	45	46	48
11	49	50	52	53	55	5 6	58	59	61	62
12	64	66	67	69	71	72	74	76	77	79
13	81	83	85	86	88	90	92	94	96	98
. 14	100	102	104	106	108	110	112	114	117	119
15	121	123	125	128	130	132	135	137	139	142
16	144	146	149	151	154	156	159	161	164	166
17	169	172	174	177	180	182	185	188	190	193
18	196	199	202	204	207	210	213	216	219	222
19	225	228	231	234	237	240	243	246	250	253
20	256	259	262	266	269	272	275	279	282	286
21	289	292	296	299	303	306	310	313	317	320
22	324	328	331	335	339	342	346	350	353	357
23	361	365	369	372	376	380	384	388	392	396
24	400	404	408	412	416	420	424	428	433	437
25	441	445	449	454	458	462	467	471	475	480
26	484	488	493	497	502	506	511	515	520	524
27	529	534	473 5 3 8	543	548	552	557	562	566	571
28	576	581.	586	590	595	600	605	610	615	620
29	625	630	635	640	645	650	655	660	666	671
30	676	681	686.	692	697	702	708	713	718	724
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^{1/} Compiled by Southern Forest Experiment Station, 1934.

This table to be used for purposes of volume table construction only.

V = volume in board feet

D = diameter of log at small end, inside bark, in inches

L = length of log in feet

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING FORM CLASS CHART

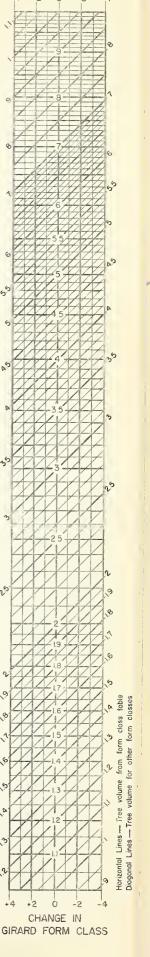
The chart appearing on this page was designed to eliminate separate board foot volume tables for each form class. With its use, tree volumes can be obtained for trees having a form class higher or lower than those for which basic tables are presented. Within limits, an increase or decrease in Girard Form Class represents a uniform increase or decrease in the volume of the trees. Average changes in volume due to changes in form class are:

Form Class Increase	Change in Volume	Form Class Decrease	Change in Volume
1%	3.0%	1%	-2.8%
2%	6.18	2%	-5.8%
3%	9.4%	3%	-8.7%
4%	12.8%	4%	-11.7%

Thus a tree which has a Form Class 81 will have a volume 9.4% higher than a Form Class 78 tree of the same species or species group, diameter, and merchantable height. Assuming the volume of a Form Class 78 tree to be 500 board feet. the Form Class 81 volume can be determined directly from the chart as follows:

- 1. Locate the vertical line representing ÷3% change in form class.
- 2. Follow this line to its intersection with the horizontal line labelled "5", which in this case represents "500".
- 3. The diagonal line passing through this intersection is "548", which rounded out to nearest 5 feet is "550", the board foot volume desired.

Similarly, in determining the volume of a Form Class 82 tree, its volume would first be determined from the pertinent Form Class 85 volume table and reduced to Form Class 82 on the chart. If the Form Class 85 volume were 500 board feet, the Form Class 82 would be obtained by following the vertical line representing -3% change in form class. The diagonal passing through the intersection of this vertical line and the horizontal line representing 500 board feet is about 460 board feet.



TREE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, HARDWOODS by D.B.H. and Number of Logs Girard Form Class 78

	Number of 16-foot logs											
D.B.H.	1	1호	2	22	3	3₹	1+					
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.					
		Inte	erna tio nal	$1 \stackrel{1}{\not\sim} \text{Log Ru}$	ıle*							
12	56	74	92									
1/+	78	105	130	150	170							
16	106	145	180	210	235	255	275					
18 20	136 171	185 235	235 295	270 345	310	335 430	360 465					
					395							
22	211	295	370	430	490	540	580					
24 26	251 299	350 420	440 530	520 625	595 710	655 780	705 840					
28 -	299 347	420 490	615	735	835	780 920	990					
30	402	570	715	850	970	1065	1155					
				mal C Log								
12	47	61	75		***							
14	68	90	110	130	145							
16	94	130	160	185	205	225	240					
18	123	170	210	245	275	300	320					
20	157	215	270	315	360	395	415					
22	195	270	31:0	400	450	495	525					
24	235	330	410	485	550	605	645					
26	281	395	495	585	665	730	780					
28 30	328 382	460 535	580 680	685 805	780 915	860 1005	925 1080					
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			Doyle Lo	g Rule*								
12	29	36	43									
14	48	60	75	85	90	7.55	165					
16 18	72 100	95 135	115 165	130 190	145 210	155 225	240					
20	135	185	225	260	290	315	330					
22	174	240	295	340	385	415	440					
24	216	295	370	430	485	530	565					
26	266	370	460	540	605	660	705					
28	317	440	550	650	735	805	855					
30	376	525	660	775	880	960	1025					

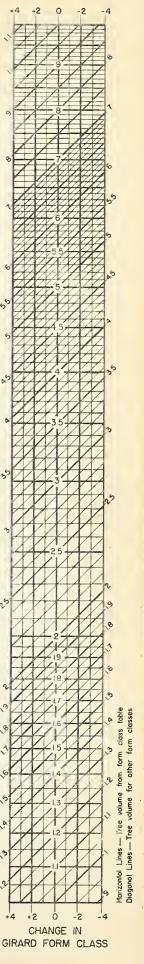
Gross board foot volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 8 inches inside bark. Compiled from taper tables. Mesavage, 1942.

^{*} Note log rules pages 12, 13, 14.

TREE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, HARDWOODS by D.B.H. and Number of Logs Girard Form Class 85

Number of 16-foot logs										
D.B.H.	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	2 2 2	3	3 ¹ ⁄2	4			
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.			
	•	Internati	onal 🖁 I	Log Rule	٤					
12 14 16 18 20	68 95 127 164 205	91 130 175 225 285	115 165 220 285 360	195 260 340 425	215 290 380 485	320 425 535	345 455 575			
22 24 26 28 30	251 302 357 417 481	355 425 500 585 680	445 535 640 750 865	525 640 760 895 1035	600 730 865 1020 1185	665 805 960 1135 1310	715 870 1035 1225 1420			
	Sei	ribner De	cimal C	Log Rule	*					
12 14 16 18 20 22	58 84 115 150 190	77 110 155 205 265 335	95 140 195 260 330 415	165 225 305 395 490	185 255 345 445	285 380 490	 305 405 525 655			
24 26 28 30	284 338 396 459	400 475 560 650	505 600 710 825	600 715 850 985	680 815 965 1120	755 900 1070 1240	810 970 1155 1340			
			le Log R	ule*						
12 14 16 18 20	38 62 92 128 169	49 85 125 175 230	59 100 150 215 290	115 175 250 335	125 195 280 380	210 305 415	225 320 440			
22 24 26 28 30	216 269 328 392 462	300 375 455 545 650	370 470 575 690 820	435 555 675 820 975	490 625 765 930 1105	535 685 840 1025 1220	575 730 900 1100 1305			

Gross board foot volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 8 inches inside bark. Compiled from taper tables. Mesavage, 1942.



^{*} Note log rules pages 12, 13, 14.

TRUE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, OLD-GROWTH WHITE PINE AND HEMLOCK

Girard Form Class 78

	Number of 16-foot logs										
D.B.H.	1	1½ .	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	3½	4				
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.				
		Int	ternation	al # Log F	lule*						
10 12 14 16 18 20	36 56 78 106 136 171	47 75 105 145 185 230	58 91 130 175 230 290	105 150 205 265 335	115 165 230 295 375	250 325 410	265 345 440				
22 24 26 28 30	211 251 299 347 402	285 340 405 475 555	355 425 510 595 690	415 495 595 695 805	465 560 670 785 910	510 615 740 865 1000	550 660 795 930 1080				
		Seri	ibner Dec	imal C Log	g Rule*						
10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24	28 47 68 94 123 157 195 235	36 62 91 125 165 210 265 320	43 74 110 155 205 260 330 395	50 85 125 175 235 305 380 460	90 135 195 260 340 425 515	215 290 370 465 565	225 - 305 395 395 500 605				
26 28 30	281 3 28 3 82	385 450 525	475 555 650	555 655 765	620 735 860	685 810 940	735 865 1015				
			Doyle L	og Rule*							
10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30	14 29 48 72 100 135 174 216 266 317 376	17 36 61 77 135 180 230 290 360 425 515	19 43 73 115 160 220 285 355 440 525 630	48 80 130 180 250 325 410 505 610 730	49 86 140 200 275 360 455 565 685 815	150 215 295 385 495 610 745 890	155 225 310 410 525 655 795				

Gross board foot volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 6 inches inside bark. Committed from taper tables. Mesavage, 1942.

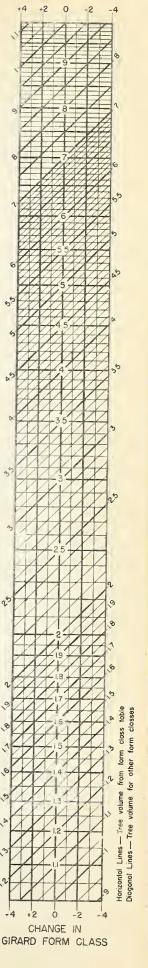
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TREE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, OLD-GROWTH WHITE PINE AND HEMLOCK

Girard Form Class 85

	Number of 16-foot logs									
D.B.H.	1	<u>1}</u>	2	2등	3	3 <u>1</u>	4			
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.			
			ernation							
10 12 14 16 18 20	45 68 95 127 164 205	59 95 130 175 225 280	73 115 160 215 280 350	130 185 250 325 410	140 205 280 365 465	305 405 510	 330 435 550			
22 24 26 28 30	251 302 357 417 481	345 415 490 575 665	430 520 615 720 835	505 610 725 850 990	570 690 820 965 1120	630 765 910 1070 1040	680 825 980 1160 1340			
		Scrib	ner Deci	mal C L	og Rule*					
10 12 14 16 18 20	36 58 84 115 150 190	47 76 110 155 200 255	57 94 140 190 255 325	105 160 220 295 375	115 175 250 330 425	270 360 460	290 390 500			
22 24 26 28 30	235 284 338 396 459	320 385 460 540 625	400 485 580 685 795	4 65 565 675 800 925	530 645 770 915 1060	575 705 840 1000 1160	625 765 915 1085 1265			
			Doyle	Log Rul	Le [∺]					
10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30	20 38 62 92 128 169 216 269 328 392 462	25 48 84 125 170 225 290 360 450 540 635	29 58 100 150 210 280 360 450 555 665 785	65 110 170 240 325 420 525 645 775 920	69 120 185 265 360 465 585 720 875 1035	 200 285 390 505 640 785 955 1135	210 305 415 540 685 845 1030 1225			

Gross board foot volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 6 inches inside bark. Compiled from taper tables. Mesavage, 1942.



^{*} Note log rules pages 12, 13, 14.

TREE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, SECOND-GROWTH WHITE PINE AND HEMLOCK

Girard Form Class 78

			Number	of 16-foot	logs		
D.B.H.	1	1 <u>1</u>	2	2½	3	3½	4
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.
		Inte	rnational	1 Log Rul	₋e*		
10 12 14 16 18 20	36 56 78 106 136	48 75 105 140 180 225	57 90 130 170 225 285	100 145 200 255 320	110 160 225 280 355	 240 305 390	255. 330 415
22 24 26 28 30	211 251 299 347 402	280 335 400 470 550	340 410 490 575 670	395 470 565 665 770	440 525 630 740 855	485 580 695 815 940	520 620 750 875 1010
		Scrib	ner Decima	al C Log F	Rule*		
10 12 14 16 18 20	28 47 68 94 123 157	35 59 90 125 165 205	42 74 110 150 200 250	80 120 170 225 290	86 125 185 245 320	200 275 350	210 ° 290 375
22 24 26 28 30	195 235 281 328 382	260 310 370 435 510	315 380 450 530 620	365 435 520 615 720	405 480 580 690 810	445 530 635 755 885	475 565 690 810 955
			Doyle Lo	og Rule*			
10 12 14 16 18 20	14 29 48 72 100 135	16 36 60 95 130 175	18 42 71 115 155 210	78 125 175 240	82 135 190 260	 140 205 280	145 210 290
22 24 26 28 30	174 216 266 317 376	225 285 350 415 495	270 340 420 500 600	310 390 475 575 690	335 425 530 640 760	365 465 575 695 830	380 490 610 740 890

Gross board foot preliminary table volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 6 inches inside bark. Mesavage, 1942.

^{*} Note log rules pages 12, 13, 14.

TREE VOLUMES IN BOARD FEET, SECOND-GROWTH WHITE PINE AND HEMLOCK

Girard Form Class 85

			ber of 1				
D.B.H.	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	3½	4
Inches	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.	Bd.Ft.
		Int	ernation	ál ‡ Log	Rule*		
10	45	60	71				
12	68	93	115	180	3.05		
14 16	95 127	125 170	155 210	240	195 270	295	315
18	164	220	275	315	350	390	415
20	205	275	340	395	445	490	525
22	251	335	415	480	540	595	645
24	302	405	505	580	650	720	780
26 28	357 417	480 560	590 690	690 81 0	780 915	860 1015	930 1100
30	481	655	805	945	1060	1170	1265
		Scribn	er Decim	al C Log	Rule*		
10	36	46	52				
12	58	78	92	105	110		
14 16	84 115	110 155	140 185	155 220	165 245	265	275
18	150	200	250	285	315	350	375
20	190	255	315	360	405	445	475
22	235	315	385	450	505	555	595
24	284	380	465	540	610	665 =	720,
26 28	338 396	455 540	560 660	650 770	730 [^] 865	805 950	865 1020
30	459	625	765	895	1005	1105	1195
			Doyle Lo	g Rule*			
10	20						
12	38	49	57				
14 16	62 92	83 1 20	100 150	110 165	115 175	190	195
18	128	165	205	235	250	275	290
20	169	220	270	305	340	370	390
22	216	285	350	400	440	475	505
24	269	355	430	495	550	600	645
26	32 8	435	535	615	680	745 900	795
28 30	392 462	525 615	640 750	735 865	825 9 7 0	1065	965 11 5 0
	402	01)	1,70		,,,		

Gross board foot preliminary table volume in 16-foot logs above stump to point where the stem divides into large branches. Top diameter variable, not less than 6 inches inside bark. Mesavage, 1942.

CHANGE IN GIRARD FORM CLASS

^{*}Note log rules pages 12, 13, 14.

CUBIC FOOT VOLUME TABLES

Cubic foot volume tables are generally useful in determining the amount of wood in a tree which is suitable for mine props or other round material. The original volume determinations are made in terms of cubic feet, and are then converted to weight, or cords, by the use of converting factors. 1/Such products need not have the size or quality necessary in saw timber, and for this reason, tree utilization can be more complete. If the taper of the merchantable portion of such trees can be considered to approach that of a frustum of a cone, (it more nearly approaches that of a frustum of a paraboloid), a simple means of determining the cubic foot contents of a tree is to multiply the length of the merchantable portion of the tree by the cross-sectional area at a point half way between the stump and the merchantable top. This is known as Huber's Formula $(V = L \times A_2^{\frac{1}{2}})$.

By the use of this formula, an approximate cubic foot volume table can be prepared by determining the average merchantable height and average middle diameter of trees for each d.b.h. class of a species. Variation in taper is reflected in the middle diameter of the merchantable portion of the tree. The percentage relationship of this diameter, when measured outside bark, to the diameter at breast high is known as the Girard Form Point, which should not be confused with the Girard Form Class. See illustration, page 2.

The form point of individual trees will vary widely with the diameter breast high and the top diameter of the merchantable portion of the tree. On the average, however, the form point is smaller among the larger trees. According to James W. Girard, the form points of trees in the Anthracite Region are for all practical purposes similar to those of Southern pines, which he found to vary about as follows:

	High	Form	Average	e Form	Low Form		
	Form	Middle	Form	Middle	Form	Middle	
D.B.H.	Point	Diameter	Point	Diameter	Point	Diameter	
6	85	5.1	. 83	5.0	81	4.95	
8	83	6.7	81	6.5	79	6.3	
10	81	8.1	79	7.9	77	7.7	
12	79	9.5	77	9.2	75	9.0	
14	77	10.8	75	10.5	73	10.2	
16	75	12.0	73	11.7	71	11.4	
18	73	13.1	71	12.8	69	12.4	

^{1/} A number of converting factors useful for the measurement of wood products in the Anthracite Region have been prepared by the Experiment Station and will be published later, but are now available on request.

These relationships are based on a variable merchantable cordwood top diameter which in no case is less than 4 inches, outside bark. The cubic tables on pages 24 to 26 have been compiled with these form point percentages as a base. In applying them, it is necessary only to determine which of the three tables will most nearly fit each species in the area being cruised. Actual measurements of form point can be made either on felled trees or on windfalls, but, like form class, the form point of a tree can be estimated ocularly after some practice. The ocular method is preferable because of its speed and flexibility in the choice of sample trees.

When a high degree of accuracy is not essential, use of the tables based on "average" form point will be found to give reasonable approximation for all species in this region.

TREE VOLUMES IN CUBIC FEET, INCLUDING BARK, ALL SPECIES

by D.B.H. and Merchantable Length

TREES OF ABOVE-AVERAGE FORM

Top utilization assumed to average approximately 5 inches outside bark, varying from 3.8 inches to 6 inches. James M. Girard

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TREE VOLUMES IN CUBIC FEET, INCLUDING BARK, ALL SPECIES

by D.B.H. and Merchantable Length

TREES OF AVERAGE FORM

Middle	56 60 64 Diameter	Inches	4.95	6.50	7.92	9.23	10.51	32.9 35.9 38.9 41.9 44.9 47.9 11.71
	79					29.8	38.5	47.9
	09				20.5	27.9	36.1	6.44
	56				19.2	26.0	33.7	41.9
	52				17.8	24.2	31.3	38.9
	48			11.0	15.0 16.4 17.8 19.2 20.5	20.5 22.3 24.2 26.0 27.9	26.5 28.9 31.3 33.7 36.1 38.5	35.9
ید	87 77 07			10.1	15.0	20.5	26.5	- 1
Merchantable length of stem in feet	07			9.5	13.7	18.6	24.1	29.9
of stem	36	Feet	8.4	8.3	12.3	16.7	21.7	26.9
length	32	Cubic Feet	4.3	7.4	10.9	14.9	19.3	23.9
ntable	28		3.8	7.9	9.6	13.0	16.9	
Mercha	24		3.2	5.5	8.2	11.2		
	20		2.7	9.4	8.9			
	16		1.6 2.1 2.7	3.7 4.6				
	12		1.6					
	Point D.B.H. 12	Inches	9	∞	10	12	174	16
Form	Point		83	81	42	77	75	73

Top utilization assumed to average approximately 5 inches outside bark, varying from 3.8 inches to 6 inches.

James W. Girard

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TREE VOLUMES IN CUBIC FEET, INCLUDITG BARK, ALL SPECIES

by D.B.II. and Merchantable Length

TREES OF BELOW-AVERAGE FORM

ر لران الران الآل	Middle Diameter		4.9	6.3	7.7	0.6	10.2	11.4	
	79					28.3	36.3	45.4	
	09				19.4	26.5	34.0	42.5	
	56				18.1	24.8	31.8	39.7	
	52					16.8	23.0	29.5	36.9
	8 [†] 7			10.4	14,2 15.5 16.8 18.1 19.4	19.4 21.2 23.0 24.8 26.5 28.3	24.9 27.2 29.5 31.8 34.0 36.3	31.2 34.0 36.9 39.7 42.5 45.4	
	717	Cubic Feet		9.5 10.4	14.2	19.7	24.9	31.2	
Merchantable length of stem in feet	40 44 48 52 56			8.6	12.9	17.7	22.7	28.4	
of stem	36		4.7	7.8	11.6	15.9	4.02	25.5	
ength c	28 32		3.7 4.2 4.7	6.0 6.9 7.8	10.3	14.1	18.1	22.7	
table 1	28	ర	2.7	0.9	0.6	12.4	15.9		
Merchan	24		3.1	5.2	7.8.	10.6			
	20		5.6	4.3	6.5				
	16		6 1.6 2.1 2.6	3.5 4.3					
	12		1.6						
	D.B.H. 12 16	Inches	9	to	10	12	174	16	
Form	Point		돲	46	77	75	73	7.1	

Top utilization assumed to average approximately 5 inches outside bark, varying from 3.8 inches to 6 inches. James W. Girard

Compiled by Southern Forest Experiment Station

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Diameter	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	Diameter
T 1.				Area	- squar	re feet					-
Inches						0.001	0.002	0.003	0.003	0.004	Inches
1	0.005	0.007	0.008	0.009	0.011	0.012	0.014	0.016	0.018	0.020	
2	.022	.024	.026	.029	.031	.034	.037	.040	.043	.046	
3	.049	.052	.056	.059	.063	.067	.071	.075	.079	.083	
4 5	.087	.092	.096	.101	.106	.110	.115	.120	.126	.131	4 5
6	.196	.203	.210	.216	.223	.230	.238	. 245	.252	.260	
7 8	.267	.275	.283	.291	.299	.307	.315	.323	.332	.340	7 8
9	.442	.452	.462	.472	.482	.492	.503	.413	.422	.432 .535	
1Ó	.545	.556	.567	.579	.590	.601	.613	.624	.636	.648	
11	.660	.672	. 684	.696	.709	.721	.734	.747	.759	.772	11
12	.785	.799	.812	.825	.839	.852	.866	.880	.894	.908	12
13	.922	. 936	.950	.965	.979	. 994	1.009	1.024	1.039	1.054	13
14	1.069	1.084	1.100	1.115	1.131	1.147	1.163	1.179	1.195	1.211	14
15	1.227	1.244	1.260	1.277	1.294	1.310	1.327	1.344	1.362	1.379	15
16	1.396	1.414	1.431	1.449	1.467	1.485	1.503	1.521	1.539	1.558	16
17	1.576	1.595	1.614	1.632	1.651	1.670	1.689	1.709	1.728	1.748	17
18	1.767	1.787	1.807	1.827	1.847	1.867	1.887	1.907	1.928	1.948	18
19 20	1.969	1.990	2.011 2.226	2.032	2.053	2.074	2.095	2.117	2,138	2.160	19 20
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21	2.405	2.428	2.451	2.474	2.498	2.521	2.545	2.568	2.592	2.616	21
22 23	2.640	2.664	2.688	2.712 2.961	2.737	2.761 3.012	2.786 3.038	2.810	2.835	2.860	22 23
24	3.142	3.168	3.194	3.221	3.247	3.274	3.301	3.328	3.355	3.382	24
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Diameter	Area								
Inches	Sq.Ft.								
25	3.409	32	5.585	39	8.296	46	11.541	53	15.321
26	3.687	33	5.940	40	8.727	47	12.048	54	15.904
27	3.976	34	6.305	41	9.168	48	12.566	55	16.499
28	4.276	35	6.681	42	9.621	49	13.095	56	17.104
29	4.587	36	7.069	43	10.085	50	13.635	57	17.721
30	4.909	37	7.467	44	10.559	51	14.186	58	18.348
31	5.241	38	7.876	45	11.045	52	14.748	59	18.986

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